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Committee Secretary
Senate Standing Committees on Environment and Communications
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Canberra ACT 2600

Dear Secretary

Great Australian Bight Environment Protection Bill 2016

On 13 October 2016, the Senate referred the Great Australian Bight Environment Protection Bill 2016 to the Senate Environment and Communications Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 30 March 2017.

The matters raised by the Bill are also currently being considered by the Senate Standing Committee in its inquiry into oil or gas production in the Great Australian Bight. Murphy Australia Oil Pty Ltd (Murphy Oil) made a written submission to that inquiry held on 28 April 2016. We would like to provide the same submission (attached) to the Legislation Committee for this proposed Bill.

Murphy Oil maintains that it is not necessary to prohibit mining activities in the Great Australian Bight marine area to protect the environment or industries from damage resulting from those mining activities. These points are directly addressed within Articles 3.0, 3.1 & 3.2 of our submission.

Please contact me if you require any further information or assistance.

Yours sincerely

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